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***State Allocation Board Clarifies Overcrowding Relief Grant Regulations:  
Ensures Multi-Story Construction Projects Are Eligible for Funding Public Schools***

**SACRAMENTO**—At the insistence of Assistant Majority Leader Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles), the State Allocation Board today adopted a clarifying report to ensure that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), and other densely-populated school districts with little to no available land, can obtain funding for multi-story construction projects.

“Many school districts in California don’t have the luxury of being able to buy more land to expand their school sites,” said Assistant Majority Leader De León. “In order to relieve overcrowding, they need the ability to build upwards. The decision to allow the combination of Overcrowding Relief Grant (ORG) and School Facility Program (SFP) multi-story replacement projects is a victory for overcrowded school districts across the state.”

“This provision will assist school districts like Los Angeles that are grappling with severely overcrowded schools and rapidly escalating land costs,” stated Lyle Smoot, Legislative and Funding Consultant for LAUSD. “This report clears the way for us to move students from old portables to new classrooms, and reclaim playgrounds at the same time.”

The State Allocation Board is responsible for the distribution of proceeds from General Obligation Bond Issues and other designated state funds. The Board is also responsible for the administration of the School Facility Program, the State Relocatable Classroom Program, and the Deferred Maintenance Program.

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